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Attn: Frank Lebron Refund Department

Re: Deposit Account #150030

Dear Mr. Lebron:

Enclosed is a copy of a portion of our Deposit Account Statement of December, 2004. Please review the highlighted charge on Serial Number 10/500,891 in the amount of \$86.00 on fee code #1614.

An American Express charge for \$1,422.00 was included with the filing of this application. This payment included \$430.00 for 5 additional independent claims. A preliminary amendment was filed with the reissue application, which eliminated the multiple dependencies but still only contained 8 independent claims (see attached claim chart). Please note that although claims 16 and 24 appear to be independent claims, there is a reference to another claim toward the end of the claim language. Therefore, no additional fees are due.

Please investigate this charge and kindly refund \$86.00 to Deposit Account #150030. Copies of the appropriate paperwork are attached. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 703-412-6296.

Sincerely,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,

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Debra J. Noel

Accounting Department

Enclosures